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"These FAA funds will provide immediate assistance to improve a runway at the Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport, an important project in securing and guaranteeing the safety of aircrafts and passengers," said Sen. Landrieu. "From a broader perspective, these funds create jobs and improve Louisiana infrastructure; it is but one of many steps the federal government is taking to help bolster our local economies."

**"Upgrading the airport in St. Mary Parish will improve service for the many local businesses that depend on air transportation to move their goods and people," said Congressman Melancon. "As an advocate for Louisiana's needs in Congress, I will continue working to bring our federal tax dollars back to the state for infrastructure improvement projects that will boost our economy and provide good jobs for our people."**

"We're certainly appreciative for the opportunity to use the Stimulus funding to make the repairs and upgrades at the airport," said Chief Administration Officer for St. Mary Parish Government and Harry P. Williams Memorial Airport Director, Henry LaGrange. "It is a heavily used airport in south Louisiana that serves the oil and gas industry. These funds will be used to overlay, seal and restripe the runway."

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated billions of dollars for Louisiana projects and programs, including this money issued to St. Mary Parish Council by the FAA.

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